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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 17-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 17-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-13 and 17-19 are pending. Claims 1, 5, and 10 have been amended and claims 17- 19 are newly added claims in the response filed 5/09/06 entered as Response After Non-Final Action. The IDS filed 08/08/05 has been considered and reviewed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1, 5, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1, lines 8-14 recite "writing into a third memory ... the second memory, the first database identifier value comprising a pointer to a database location in a database location in a first database; and accessing the first database ..., wherein accessing the first database comprises using the first database identifier value to point to the database location;". It is unclear what happens to the pointer in the claim language since it is not in the next claim limitation. Suggestion: "writing into a third memory ... the second memory, the first database identifier value comprising a pointer to point to a database location in a first database; and accessing the first database ..., wherein accessing the first database comprises using the first database identifier value pointer to point to the database location, wherein ...". Claims 5 and 10 have a similar problem.

Dependent claim 19 does not appear to be an independent claim because none of the other claims have a database packageset switching table, a first key being built dynamically during the processing of a first user request, building a second key value, and writing the second database identifier. This is confusing since none of the other claim limitations have these features.

Suggestion: Add these claim limitations at least to the independent claims if Applicants' want to have claim 19 to remain as a dependent claim.

Claims 2-4, 6-9, 11-13, and 17-19 are also rejected since they depend from a rejected base claim.

Claim Objections

4. Claim 19 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 19 recites "The method of claim 1, wherein the second memory comprises a database ..., wherein first key valued is built ..., the method further comprising:'. This claim limitation would be better recited as "The method of claim 1, wherein the second memory comprises a database ..., wherein the first key valued is built ..., the method further comprising:'.. Appropriate correction is required.

Inquiries

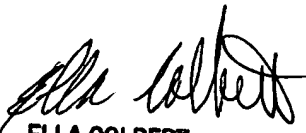
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 5:30AM-3:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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